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The Honorable Joel W. Solomon
Administrator
General Services Administration,
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Jay:

(U) Further to our passing exchange at the White House last week regarding CIA's inability to acquire new leased space, the requirement for this space is urgent, and I would appreciate your assistance in solving this problem. As noted in the 27 September letter to you from my Acting Deputy, CIA's space requirements are long-standing and are essential to support congressionally approved projects now coming to fruition.

(C) Of immediate concern is expansion of a project entitled CAMS (COMTREX Automated Management System). I understand that you have been briefed on the Intelligence Community's new and vital, technical collection system. CAMS is the computerized tasking system permitting electronic compilation of target tasking for the collection center. This expansion will require several thousand square feet (sq. ft.) of computer-environment space. Two other approved projects already under developmental or design contract are ADSAR (Automated Document Storage and Retrieval) and SAFE (Support Analyst File Environment). These projects which automate the retrieval, analysis, and dissemination of intelligence require an additional 25,000 sq. ft. of computer-environment space. In addition to the above new and special projects, it is necessary to expand our main computer center, now operating at less than half of manufacturers' recommended equipment spacing, by some 6,000 sq. ft. The totality of the above special equipment space represents 40,000 sq. ft.

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which simply cannot be made available by compressing our already overcrowded [redacted] utilization of the Langley building. In fact, we have additional outstanding requirements for an equal amount of office space generated by organizational restructurings that have resulted from recommendations of the presidential and congressional oversight committees.

(C) In sum, CIA's requirement for 85,000 sq. ft. of space is real, represents essential support of projects and equipment costing tens of millions of dollars (for CAMS, hundreds of millions), and is considered essential to the effective functioning of CIA. In the absence of other alternatives which, hopefully, you may be able to identify, this requirement is considered sufficiently in the national interest to warrant appeal to the President for exception. I would appreciate your reconsideration of this matter and advice as to how best to proceed to meet CIA's space needs in a timely manner. Please call me if discussion or further information is required.

Yours,

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